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For: THIN COATING FILM COMPRISING FLUORINE-CONTAINING POLYMER
AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, twice extended from October 8, 2002 to December 8, 2002 by the filing of an appropriate Petition and payment for an extension of time submitted herewith, thus providing for timely filing by Monday, December 9, 2002, please consider Applicants' remarks as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/48774 (WO '774). In reference to U.S. Patent 6,207,236 (which is the U.S. national stage of WO '774), the Examiner considered WO '774 as meeting each of the terms of the rejection claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse for the following reasons.

Araki WO '774 discloses a coating film which comprises fluorine-containing polymer particles and a metal oxide gel, prepared from the coating composition comprising (A) fluorine-